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1. PRESIDENT GLIGOROV'S FOREIGN POLICY ADVISOR ZAGAR CALLED IN POLCOUNS FOR DISCUSSION OF VISIT JANUARY 13. FOLLOWING POINTS EMERGED:

2. YUGOSLAVS NOW PLAN TO ARRIVE BY COMMERCIAL JAT FLIGHT JU-500 ON MONDAY, JANUARY 30 RATHER THAN BY SPECIAL PLANE SUNDAY, JANUARY 29. THEY ARE RELUCTANT TO POSTPONE TRIP UNTIL FEBRUARY 5 AS IT WOULD BE TOO CLOSE TO PRESIDENT TITO'S VISIT. ZAGAR CONTINUES TO ASSERT THAT IT WOULD BE "UNTHINKABLE" FOR VISIT TO TAKE PLACE WITHOUT "COURTESY" CALL ON PRESIDENT CARTER. AMBASSADOR BELOVSKI TOLD AMBASSADOR MORNING OF JANUARY 13 THAT YUGOSLAVS HAD BEEN TOLD IN WASHINGTON SEVERAL DAYS AGO THAT CALL ON PRESIDENT WAS DEFINITELY RULED OUT. ON BASIS OF REFTEL AMBASSADOR AND POLCOUNS TOLD BELOVSKI AND ZAGAR THAT WE ARE STILL TRYING FOR A MEETING WITH THE PRESIDENT.

3. WITH TRIP NOW STARTING DAY LATER THAN PLANNED, OVERLAP WITH SOVIET PARLIAMENTARY DELEGATION WILL BE ONLY 2-3 WORKING DAYS AND SOVIETS WELL MAY NOT BE IN
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WASHINGTON DURING THIS, THE LAST PART OF THEIR VISIT. (BELOVSKI IS AWARE THAT SOVIETS WILL BE IN US DURING THIS PERIOD.) WE RECOMMEND ACCEPTING JANUARY 30 FOR ARRIVAL DATE. WE CONTINUE TO URGE STRONGLY THAT MEETING WITH PRESIDENT BE ARRANGED OR IF THIS IS NOT POSSIBLE THEN DEFINITELY A MEETING WITH VICE PRESIDENT MONDALE (WHO WILL REMEMBER THAT GLIGOROV HOSTED A

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WORKING BREAKFAST FOR HIM IN BELGRADE).

4. WITH YUGOSLAVS NOW FLYING TO US COMMERCIALLY, QUESTION OF USING THEIR PLANE WITHIN THE US BECOMES MOOT. THEY VERY MUCH HOPE AND WE SECOND THAT USAF PLANE WILL BE MADE AVAILABLE. ON SIZE OF GROUP, ZAGAR SAID THAT THERE WOULD BE FIFTEEN INCLUDING: GLIGOROV, HIS WIFE, APPROXIMATELY EIGHT OTHER DELEGATES WITH ONE FROM EACH REPUBLIC AND PROVINCE, SEVERAL ASSISTANTS, TWO SECURITY AND NO OTHER WIVES. ZAGAR COULD GIVE US NO NAMES BUT SAID REPUBLICAN DELEGATES WILL BE AGREED UPON AT MEETING NEXT WEDNESDAY.

5. ZAGAR HAD A NUMBER OF SPECIFIC, PRACTICAL QUESTIONS:
-- HOW WILL THEY TRAVEL WITHIN CITIES? WILL THE USG FOLLOW THE PRACTICE USED FOR MOVEMENTS OF KARDELJ? SHOULD THE YUGOSLAV EMBASSY HIRE LIMOUSINES AND MINI-BUS OR WILL THE USG PROVIDE CARS?
-- IF YUGOSLAV NEWSMEN COME TO COVER TRIP (AND ZAGAR DOES NOT YET KNOW WHETHER ANY ARE COMING) WOULD THEY BE ALLOWED TO RIDE IN SPECIAL PLANE IF PLANE IS PROVIDED? ZAGAR ASSUMED THERE WOULD NOT BE LARGE NUMBER OF NEWSMEN IN ANY CASE.
-- GLIGOROV WOULD LIKE TO GIVE A FORMAL TOAST/STATEMENT. WHEN WOULD BE THE BEST OCCASION TO DO SO? AS HOUSE IS HOST, WOULD TUESDAY EVENING RECEPTION BY HOUSE
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SPEAKER BE RIGHT OCCASION? CAN TOASTS BE GIVEN AT RECEPTIONS? IS SO, CAN THE YUGSLAVS DISTRUBUTE A PRINTED TEXT AT THAT TIME?
-- YUGOSLAVS PALN TO PAY THEIR OWN HOTEL BILLS, BUT WOULD LIKE TO KNOW WHAT IF ANY OTHER COSTS US SIDE PLANS TO COVER?
-- IN GENERAL WHO SHOULD BE MAKING PRACTICAL ARRANGEMENTS: HOTEL RESERVATIONS, ARRANGING LOGISTICS IN EACH CITY, ETC.

6. ON ITINERARY -- WITH DELEGATION ARRIVING A DAY LATER BUT DESIRING TO MAINTAIN FEBRUARY 8 DEPARTURE DATE, THEY WISH TO DROP SAN FRANCISCO. ZAGAR READILY AGREED TO DROP NEW ORLEANS AS WELL. GLIGOROV ALSO WOULD LIKE TO PUT MORE SERIOUS, WORKING CONTENT INTO HIS NON-WASHINGTON STOPS. SPECIFICALLY IN LOS ANGELES HE WOULD VERY MUCH WELCOME A MEETING WITH COUNCIL ON FOREIGN RELATIONS TYPE GROUP. HE WOULD BE PREPARED TO OPEN WITH A FEW WORDS ABOUT YUGSLAV DOMESTIC AND FOREIGN POLICY THAN ENGAGE IN INFORMAL Q AND A DISCUSSION.

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IN CHICAGO HE WOULD VERY MUCH LIKE DISCUSSION SESSION,
ALSO INFORMAL, WITH GROUP OF AMERICAN BUSINESSMEN. IN
GENERAL, HE WOULD WELCOME ANY FURTHER IDEAS FROM THE US
SIDE TO ENRICH HIS PROGRAM IN EACH CITY ON HIS VISIT SO
THAT HE ENGAGES IN MORE MEANINGFUL DISCUSSIONS AND LESS
TOURISM. GLIGOROV POINTS OUT THAT HE HAS VISITED THE
UNITED STATES A NUMBER OF TIMES, INCLUDING ALL OF THE
CITIES ON HIS LIST EXCEPT FOR ATLANTA AND FLAGSTAFF.
FOLLOWING IS TENTATIVE SCHEDULE ZAGAR HANDED US AS BOTH
THEIR UNDERSTANDING OF CURRENT AGREEMENT BETWEEN
DEPARTMENT AND YUGSOALV EMBASSY IN WASHINGTON AND WHAT
GLIGOROV HIMSELF DESIRES:
MONDAY, JANUARY 30
ARRIVAL, WASHINGTON DC AT 3 PM BY PLANE (JU 500-
WHICH NORMALLY JUST GOES INTO NYC BUT JAT HAS
AGREED TO STOP IN WASHINGTON EN ROUTE IF US
AUTHORITIES AGREE).
LATE AFTERNOON, TOMB OF UNKNOWN SOLDIER.
EVENING, NO ACTIVITY.
TUESDAY, JANUARY 31
MORNING, TALKS WITH US CONGRESSIONAL DELEGATION.
LUNCH, SENATE FOREIGN RELATIONS COMMITTEE.
AFTERNOON, VISIT CONGRESS BUILDING AND ATTEND SENATE SESSION.
EVENING, RECEPTION GIVEN BY HOUSE SPEAKER.
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WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 1

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MORNING, VISIT TO THE WHITE HOUSE, VICE-PRESIDNET MONDALE.
SMITHSONIAN.
VISIT TO NATIONAL GALLERY AND LUNCH THERE.
AFTERNOON, MEET THE SECRETARY OF STATE.
EVENING, RECEIPTION HOSTED BY YUGOSLAV AMBASSADOR.
THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 2
MORNING, GLIGOROV AND HALF OF DELEGATION MEET SPECIAL
REPRESENTATIVE ON INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC
MATTERS MR. ROBERT STRAUS, MEET IBRD PRESIDENT
MR. ROBERT MCNAMARA.
SECOND HALF OF DELEGATION SIMULTANEOUSLY:
MEET HOUSE COMMITTEE ON INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS,
VISIT TO ARMS CONTROL AND DISARMAMENT AGENCY
(OR FZHERATEENERGY ADMINISTRATION)
AFTERNOON, FLY TO ATLANTA, VIA SPECIAL USAF PLANE.
EVENING, NO ACTIVITY OR DINNER HOSTED BY (?)
FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 3
MORNING, MEET WITH GOVERNOR AND MAYOR, VISIT TO
STATE LEGISLATURE.
AFTERNOON, FLY TO FLAGSTAFF, ARIZONA, OVERNIGHT.
SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 4
VISIT GRAND CANYON
LATE AFTERNOON, FLY TO LOS ANGELES.
EVENING, MEET WITH YUGOSLAV ETHNIC COUMMUNITY.
SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 5
MEET MAYOR.
SIGHTSEEING, DISNEYLAND. (ZAGAR UNDERSTANDS
BELOVSKI SUGGESTED TO US LEAVING FOR
CHICAGO LATE AFTERNOON FEBRUARY 5TH
UNLESS MEETING WITH MAYOR SLIPS TO
MORNING FEBRUARY 6TH. ZAGAR FLEXIBLE
ON THIS AND HE THOUGHT GLIGOROV WOULD
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DO WHATEVER PROMISED MORE SUBSTANCE.)
MONDAY, FEBRUARY 6
VISIT AIRCRAFT FACTORY, SAN DIEGO.
AFTERNOON, FLY TO CHICAGO, OVERNIGHT
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 7.
MEET WITH MAYOR.
MEET YUGOSLAV ETHNIC COMMUNITY.
EVENING, FLY TO WASHINGTON DC
WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 8
AFTERNOON, DEPART FOR YUGOSLAVIA BY PLANE (PA 66)
AT 5 PM. (ZAGAR NOTED THAT GLIGOROV OF
COURSE WOULD BE HAPPY TO SEE PRESIDENT
CARTER AT ANY TIME DURING HIS VISIT
INCLUDING THIS SO FAR EMPTY LAST DAY.
THIS ALSO RAISES IN OUR MINDS POSSIBILITY
OF PUTTING MORE OF WASHINGTON CALLS AT END

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IF IT WOULD EASE CONFLICT WITH SOVIET
DELEGATION.)

7. EMBASSY ASSUMES BEST CHANNEL OF COMMUNICATION ON DETAILS
OF VISIT REMAINS DEPARTMENT AND YUGOSLAV EMBASSY WASHINGTON.
HOWEVER, WE WOULD LIKE EITHER RESPONSE TO SPECIFIC QUESTIONS
ZAGAR HAS POSED OR NOTIFICATION THAT ANSWERS HAVE BEEN
PROVIDED IN WASHINGTON SO THAT WE CAN SO INFORM HIM.
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